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News Release

DANGEROUS CRIMINAL IS NOW IN ICE CUSTODY

Criminal convicted of assaulting a law enforcement officer

MIAMI—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced today that a 37-year-old citizen of Dominica convicted in 2004 for assault and battery on a law enforcement officer is now in ICE custody facing removal.

Oscar Anselm's criminal history dates back to Dec. 3, 1999 when he was convicted in the Tenth Judicial Circuit court in Polk County and received one-year probation for aggravated battery. He was subsequently arrested for violating his probation and served 120 days at the Polk County Jail.

Anselm was transferred to the Bradenton Detention Center on June 2nd following the completion of his sentence at the Hillsborough County Jail. Anselm, who entered the United States through Miami as C-1 crewman in 1994, violated the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) by staying in the U.S. beyond the allotted 29 days.

"ICE is promoting public safety by ensuring that criminals like Anselm no longer threaten our communities," said Michael Rozos, field office director for detention and removal in Florida. "We are actively identifying criminal aliens who pose a threat to our communities to remove them as expeditiously as possible."

Anselm admitted to being in the U.S. illegally and has accepted a stipulated order of removal. His removal from the U.S. is imminent.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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